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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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Group Art Unit: 1773

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For : MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

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Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

- ___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- ___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ___ A Request for Extension of Time.
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**AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 2, 2004**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 2, 2004, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until September 2, 2004.

Applicants note that this response is being submitted prior to the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and the government fees associated therewith should not be necessary. Moreover, the response is being filed within two-months of the mailing date of the Final Office action. However, if any extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of this application including any extension of time for an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.